A historic moon mission is setting the stage for a new space race this time between the US and China the Chinese Chang-E 4 Lander took this photo of an orange tinsel landscape on the far side of the moon on Wednesday it became the first space probe ever to land there mark strassman shows us how this breakthrough may intensify US Chinese rivalry the Chinese have landed their Rovers high-definition images show the moon's far side the one that never faces earth China intends to be a space power to walk on the moon and eventually establish a lunar base the Asia society's Isaac stonefish is an expert on us-china relations and what a

change it's been from a year ago several years ago when the question was can

China innovate 10 China keep up and now it's more of a question of are they

reaching parity and what happens next all six crude Apollo flights beginning

in 1969 landed on the moon's near side 12 men all Americans left flags and

footprints the last time in 1972 NASA's focus then shifted to low Earth orbit in

2017 President Trump signed space policy directive number one

the moon is again America's top spaceflight priority it's time to take

all of what we've learned on the International Space Station and go to

the next step for a permanent presence on and at the moon gym bridenstine

NASA's administrator talked to us about the symbolic and scientific value of

landing again on the moon we're the only nation on the earth that's done it all

these other nations want to do it how important to deeper space exploration

Mars wherever is a lunar presence it's critical so this gives us an opportunity

to prove how are we going to live and work for a lengthened period of time

I'm on a world that's not our own NASA is planning for a solar-powered mini

Space Station to orbit the moon called the lunar gateway the next step to a

Mars mission partners will include other countries and other companies their competition China we are reaching a new era of us-china relations that seems to find more by competition and collaboration and a space race could certainly be a part of this future a glimpse into that future just landed on the far side of the Moon for CBS this morning I'm mark Strassmann it is the next frontier in terms of a defense space race in answer is China's our number one competitor up there right now